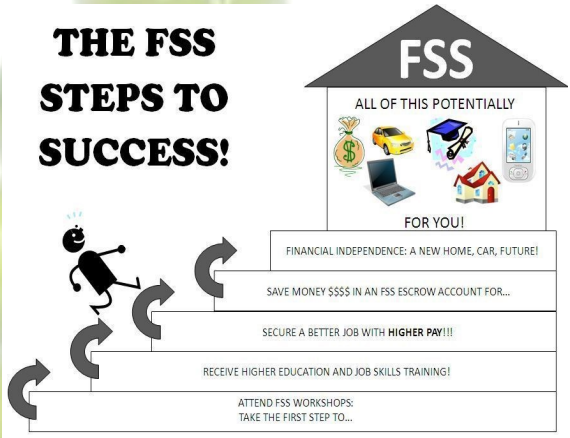


Family Self Sufficiency Program
(Section 8 Participants only)

The purpose of the Family Self-Sufficiency program is to enable eligible families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency. KCHA's FSS Program is the conduit between the client and the appropriate supportive services necessary to achieve independence. FSS case managers are assigned to FSS participants to make a proper assessment of strengths, needs and aspirations. The case manager will guide each client through a service plan which outlines short and long-term goals..

Some of the services provided to families include: child care, transportation necessary to receive services, remedial education, job training and preparation, substance abuse treatment and counseling, training in home-making and parenting skills, training in money management, training in household management; and any other resources appropriate to assist eligible families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency. Some or all of the services may be provided by our partners in the community.

The FSS Program is five (5) years in length and is available to all Section 8 participants who have been on the Section 8 Program for at least one year.



Contact information:

Kaua'i County Housing Agency
Family Self-Sufficiency Program
Piikoi Building
4444 Rice Street, Suite 330
Lihu'e, HI 96766

FSS Coordinator
Tel: 808-241-4420

Or
FSS Specialist
Tel: 808-241-4447



Contact information:

Kaua'i County Housing Agency
Piikoi Building
4444 Rice Street, Suite 330
Lihu'e, HI 96766

Tel: 808-241-4440
Fax: 808-241-5119
www.kauai.gov/housing

Business hours:
Monday- Friday, 7:45AM - 4:30PM

Window hours:
Monday - Friday, 8:00AM - 4:00PM
Office Closed most County, State, and Federal
Holidays.



County of Kaua'i
SECTION 8
HOUSING CHOICE
VOUCHER
PROGRAM

Rental Assistance Division

*To provide greater opportunities for
affordable housing and to support
community development for the residents of
the County of Kaua'i.*



Kaua'i County Housing
Agency
Piikoi Building
4444 Rice Street, Suite 330
Lihu'e, HI 96766



The Kaua'i County Housing Agency Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV)

The HUD Housing Choice Voucher Program (formerly theSection 8 Program) is the federal gov-ernment's major program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to af-ford decent, safe, and housing in the private market. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants are able to find their own housing, including single-family homes, townhouses and apartments.

Housing choice vouchers are administered locally by public housing agencies (PHAs). The PHAs receive federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to administer the voucher program.

A family that is issued a housing voucher is re-sponsible for finding a suitable housing unit of the family's choice where the owner agrees to rent under the program. This unit may include the family's pre-sent residence. Rental units must meet minimum standards of health and safety, as determined by the PHA. The participant is free to choose any housing that meets the requirements of the program and is not limited to units located in subsidized housing projects.

A housing subsidy is paid to the landlord directly by the PHA on behalf of the participating family. The family then pays the difference between the actual rent charged by the landlord and the amount subsi-dized by the program.

The assistance the family receives is based on the family's income, the number of bedrooms on the voucher and in the unit, and the rent and utilities paid by the family. Under certain circumstances, if authorized by the PHA, a family may use its voucher to purchase a mod-est home. There is an annual property recerti-fication in which the third-party inspections help to maintain quality of the housing.

The family pays a minimum of 30 percent of its monthly-adjusted income for rent and utilities. However, the family may not pay more than 40 percent of its monthly-adjusted income for rent and utilities at the time the unit is initially approved.

Potential landlords are strongly encouraged to screen families based on rental suitability fac-tors such as timely payment of rent and utility bills, caring for a unit and premises, and re-specting rights of other tenants to peaceful en-joyment of their housing. You should evaluate a prospective Section 8 tenant as you would any other renter.

To continue to receive assistance, the family must follow the rules of the program. If the family fails to comply with program require-ments, such as failing to pay rent for any rea-son, the family's participation in the program may be terminated and/or the family may be required to repay assistance provided on behalf of the family.

PAYMENT STANDARDS EFFECTIVE 1/1/2020

Bedroom Size	Fair Market Rent (FMR)	Payment Standard (PS)
0	\$1,226	\$1,348
1	\$1,519	\$1,670
2	\$1,881	\$2,069
3	\$2,595	\$2,854
4	\$3,212	\$3,533
5	\$3,693	\$4,063
6	\$4,175	\$4,593
7	\$4,657	\$5,123
8	\$5,139	\$5,653

The Payment Standard is the maximum amount of subsidy that HUD will pay for a unit based on bed-room size. This does not mean we will necessarily subsidize a rental unit for these amounts. The unit must first be assessed for rent reasonableness com-pared to similar units.

INCOME LIMITS

EFFECTIVE 4/23/2020

Family Size	Extremely Low Income	*Very Low In-come
1	\$20,450	\$34000
2	\$23,350	\$38,850
3	\$26,250	\$43,700
4	\$30,130	\$48,550
5	\$35,280	\$52,450
6	\$40,430	\$56,350
7	\$45,580	\$60,250
8	\$50,730	\$64,100

*Maximum Annual GROSS Income allowable to par-ticipate in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Please note that the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) requires that 75% of our new admissions to the program each year come from the Extremely Low Income level.

ADVANTAGES OF LEASING TO A HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER ASSISTED TENANT

Timely Monthly Rent Payments

Having a contracted monthly assistance payment that is on time and guaranteed. Payments are usually sent by the first of the month. (The initial rent payment will take approximately two (2) weeks to process) If the ten-ant's monthly income drops, their portion of the rent can be lowered and Kaua'i County Housing Agency's (KCHA) portion can be increased so the rent doesn't change.

Abundance of Participants

Participants to the Housing Choice Voucher Program are always actively looking for good landlords and qual-ity units. You should never have low vacancy rates since there are plenty of participants to choose from. You can use your own selection criteria while remem-bering to stay within the fair housing guidelines.

Minimal Paperwork

KCHA will prepare a standard HUD lease agreement with Tenancy Addendum and HAP Contract for you. You and the tenant must simply sign the forms to initi-ate payments.

Free Yearly Inspections

KCHA inspects the dwelling unit prior to executing a HAP Contract. KCHA will also inspect the unit annu-ally thereafter. We perform emergency or complaint inspections if requested.